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FIEND-VALUABLE

1. Pending the formulation by the State Department of a more specific U. S. policy toward Albania, it is proposed to continue U.S. clandestine operations at the presently planned level. This includes the following activities:

a. The utilization of the National Committee for Free Albania as a front for propaganda activities in line with the propaganda directive approved jointly by SIS and CIA (OPC).

b. Occasional leaflet drops and drops of the National Committee newspaper over Albania.

c. The continuation of agent operations with a view to the maintenance of a level of approximately 50 active agents in the country. These agents will have as their mission the establishment of contact with existing resistance groups, the development of nuclei for a coordinated underground resistance group, the organization of safe houses and underground railways, and the collection of operational intelligence.

d. Black radio broadcasts will be continued in the name of the National Committee.

e. Every effort will be made to lend assistance and prestige to the psychological warfare program. Among

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the means to be employed will be the actual agents on the ground and such devices as air drops of certain scarce supplies.

f. The Guard Company pool in Germany will be expanded to include a total of 500 men, and every effort will be made to provide these men with the maximum amount of physical and military training practicable under this cover. ^g Means will be explored for improving the usefulness and effectiveness of the National Committee for Free Albania through any action which will serve to provide the greatest support for the Committee in Albania itself and which will result in the greatest support and maximum effectiveness for FIEND agents inside the country.

2. The basic principle governing the coordinated separate projects, FIEND and VALUABLE, is integrated policy coordination with disengagement on the operational level.

3. The organization of the Yugoslav-sponsored Albanian Committee poses a threat to FIEND operations in that this committee may reduce the prestige of the National Committee for Free Albania in Albania itself and among the Albanian emigres. Although no evidence of this has been noted so far, the matter requires constant attention in order that effective counteraction may be taken as soon as it becomes necessary. It is believed that the policy toward the Yugoslav Committee should be one of suspicion and that the means

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available to Project FIEND and to the National Committee for Free Albania be employed to raise doubts in the minds of the Albanian people concerning the true objectives of the Yugoslav Committee. While attempting to enter into relations with such definitely reactionary and compromised groups as the BKI, this Committee has shown definite hostility to the NCFA, accusing it of being composed of reactionaries and being a tool of the imperialists. In the event the Yugoslav Committee undertakes a more violent campaign against the NCFA, more vigorous counteraction in the name of the FIEND-VALUABLE sponsored group should be undertaken. The creation of the Yugoslav-sponsored group does not affect the position of CIA in regard to the implementation of current plans.

4. Although the immediate overthrow of the present regime is not contemplated, the long range objective of FIEND is to build up the assets required to effect such an overthrow or to exert an important influence in the event it is desired to exert U.S. influence under conditions when such influence could further U.S. interests.

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